

WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, May 29, 2009, Congressman Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (D-VA-3) was awarded with the 2009 Public Service Award from Society for Prevention Research at their 18th Annual Meeting in Washington, DC.

Throughout his career Rep. Scott has championed the use of effective prevention practices, culminating with H.R. 1064, the Youth PROMISE Act. The Youth PROMISE Act provides federal resources to implement evidence- and research-based strategies to reduce gang violence and crime at the local level. It is supported by over 200 national and state juvenile justice, civil rights, education and religious organizations, and has 116 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives.

Founded in 1991 the Society for Prevention Research seeks to advance science-based prevention programs and policies through empirical research. The international membership of the organization comprises scientists, practitioners, advocates and administrators, and policy makers who are dedicated to the use of science to address problems, issues and challenges pertaining to the prevention of social and public health issues.

The Public Service Award is given to an individual or team of individuals in recognition of extensive and effective advocacy, including dissemination and diffusion, for prevention science and science/research-based programs. Previous award recipients have included Senator Tom Harkin, Governor Tom and Mrs. Michele Ridge, and the William T. Grant Foundation senior program.

For more information on the Youth PROMISE Act, please visit: <http://www.bobbyscott.house.gov/ypa>

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